OUT OF OUR CORNERS!

Bishop Arthur and Mrs Coleen Malcolm.

This bicenntenial year, 1988, has been a busy one for Bishop Arthur and Mrs Coleen Malcolm of Yarrabah, North Queensland. A time of joy and tears, with much work and travel, but also a marvellous holiday in the U.K. While some people on the Aboriginal scene have attempted to pressurise things in political areas, sometimes with violent methods, or with the use of demonstrations and street marches. The Malcolms have concentrated on presenting the Gospel. They have not however condemned others for their stand. They think all people have the right to decide for themselves how to respond to so called "hot issues".

The Malcolms response has been to talk to people about repentance, confession and reconciliation. They believe that this is starting to be effective, people are responding to this call.

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

"This year, says Bishop Arthur Malcolm C.A., has been an opening for me as an Aboriginal Bishop, to talk to many people all over Australia and in many parts of England on Aboriginal issues. This role has helped to unite people and bring them together. With black and white people worshipping together helping to bring about reconciliation".

Many parishes all over Australia are asking for Aboriginal priests to minister in their areas. Aboriginal clergy have already been sent out after training at Yarrabah to serve in Cunnamulla, Palm Island, Woorabinda in Queensland, Oenpelli, Northern Territory and Oombulgurri, Western Australia, ministering to black and white people. One young Yarrabah girl, Elverina Murgha is training at the Church Army College of Evangelism, Belrose (Sydney).

One desire is to place aboriginal priests on the Diocesan staff in all the Dioceses in Australia to guide and assist in areas of Aboriginal ministry and outreach.

"This year, says Bishop Arthur, has, I believe, been a turning point in the lives of many Christians sharing in unity and peace. The Church is now doing things in fellowship as never before. So I see God working through His Church in this Bicenntenial year bringing people together."

Elverina Murgah of Yarrabah, Church Army student.

U.K. TRIP

Starting with the Lambeth Conference, which Arthur and Coleen describe as—a beautiful experience shared with brothers and sisters from many lands, whose enthusiasm for evangelism was fantastic. They, especially the Africans and Asians, just wanted to proclaim God's word. As they spoke they became alive in their message, preaching a living Christ—talking of being born again—and expressing the desire to bring people to Jesus.

Their style of witnessing and speaking was outstanding.

Evangelism came first!—dialogue later.

Time with Church Army in England showed them some new ideas in ministry.

In the Midlands they saw an old pub that had been converted into a Laundromat. A survey of local needs brought a request for a laundry, so the local church started one, with a Church Army Officer in charge, available for counselling and support ministry. The Laundromat was fitted out with comfortable chairs etc. and carried Christian books and literature.

It seemed to be a very effective way to reach out in a working class area such as it was.

At Yarrabah Pottery.

Drop-in Visit on Building Site (son Andrew Malcolm in glasses).

It was also evident that much greater utilisation of old churches is being made, making many of them into multi-purpose buildings with emphasis on reaching out to the local community.

One of the highlights of the holiday included a day at Lords, the home of cricket. Host for the day was former English Test cricketer, Colin Cowdrey.

Being presented to and meeting the Queen and members of the Royal Family at Buckingham Palace was an exciting and memorable occasion. Touring the countryside, visiting places with scenery they had only seen in books brought a welcome change to their work oriented schedule.

OUT OF OUR CORNERS

"I believe God is telling us to get out of our corners and into the market place , says Coleen Malcolm. We are in our huddles, singing our victory songs claiming the victory, saying we belong to Jesus Christ and that we are on our way to heaven. Yet I think, we are being challenged by God, who says—but does anyone know about the victory?

We seem to be keeping this Good News to ourselves. Many people outside are no longer attracted to the established traditional Church. We've got to go out and sit alongside them as Jesus did!"

No stranger to outreach, Coleen Malcolm was a Church Army Evangelist prior to marrying Arthur. Earlier this year she was appointed by the Diocese of North Queensland to be the Executive Officer with special oversight for the training of Aboriginal clergy at Yarrabah. Her responsibilities are the forming of study and training materials.

It has been a difficult role and the going has been tough. Yet it has proved to be a growing period for Coleen and for those involved in the training, who are now more ready to move out in ministry.

"I have an inner excitement, says Coleen, that makes me feel that the Church in Australia is going to stand up and be counted for what it is and who it represents, and I also feel that there will be a revival!!, because God hasn't given up on us, even though at times it seems as though we've given up on Him".

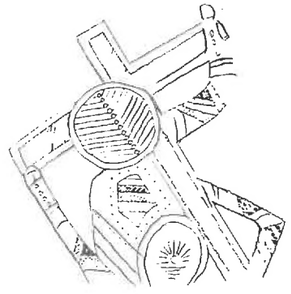
Looking back at the year, the Malcolms express joy in recalling the wedding of their son Andrew to a local girl and speak of the happiness of having their daughter Ruth at home with them after being away for schooling, etc.

Of the sadder experiences, they both say, "That it makes us lean harder on the Lord and more dependable on His strength. So let us all lean on the Lord and reach out and claim this land for Him!"

Wal Spencer.

Bishop Arthur Malcolm, C.A.,Cape given by people of Yarrabah.

Ladies' Bible Study Yarrabah (Coleen Malcolm, bottom right).



BOOK REVIEW
Children and God

Miss Pat Byron, with fellow Board member, Mr Jim Mills.

CHILDREN & GOD
Author Ron Buckland, Publisher Scripture Union.

For all who have a desire to see children entering God's kingdom and growing in their faith this is an excellent book. In the introduction Ron says "I have written this book for people who are called to some kind of ministry with children and who want to be clear about basic principles parents, ministers, teachers in Christian education programmes, club leaders, family mission team members, religious education teachers in schools . . . the list could go on. This book is for practitioners". It is not a book which will allow you to quickly read and forget as Ron has ingeniously included "Apply" boxes. These are questions for the reader to think through and decide where they stand or apply the material to their own situation. To fail to do this will greatly diminish the impact of the book. For me these "Apply" sections were a real challenge as they got to the heart of the matter and really made me analyse my own position and in some instances plan new approaches.

For all involved in Childrens Ministry here is a small eminently readable book which will I'm sure prove an encouragement and a challenge to continue that work with renewed vision.

Miss Byron has a special interest and wide experience in children's work, having been involved in the G.F.S. (The Girls' Friendly Society) for 36 years.

She is the immediate past National President of G.F.S. in Australia and is the current Treasurer.

A keen evangelist, she has had a long association with Church Army, and has been an active member of the Church Army Executive Board for 12 years.

This book is available from the Church Army Bookshop.

A TRUE PIONEER

*Left to Right—Captain Gilbert Page, C.A., Sister Lyn Geeves, C.A., Mrs Ruth Page, Sister Edith Parsons, C.A. Rtd., and Captain John Mitchell, C.A. Rtd. **

The 1930s in Australia—economic depression and pre-war—would not have been an easy or appropriate time to begin any new venture. But in 1935 (one year after the Australian Church Army was formed), Sister Edith Parsons arrived here from England to begin the work of Church Army Sisters. Her work and its success came from a life totally committed to her Lord and Master—not ruled by the social conditions of the time.

As a young Church Army student in the 60s, I was always very impressed by Sister Parsons, especially her quiet, deep approach to her ministry. If I had to sum her up in one word, it would have to be "faithful". This has still been shown to us in Australia long after her return to England n 1966. She has continued to show interest and support her Australian brothers and sisters in meaningful, consistent prayer over the years.

Sister Parsons returned to Australia briefly in 1979—for a short holiday and to catch up with friends and fellow Officers.

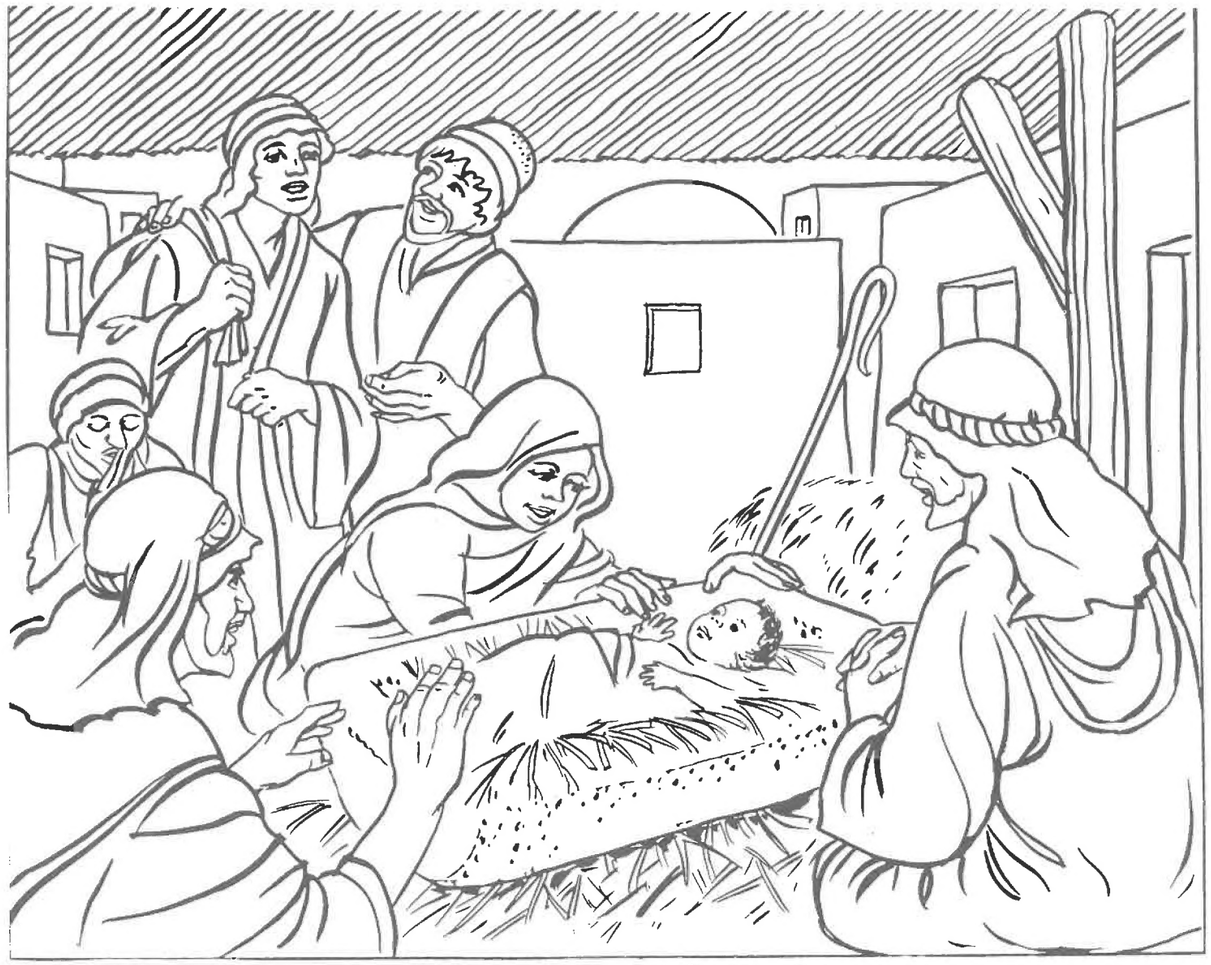
On Sunday. September 18, Sister died at her home at Portsmouth (U.K.).

We regret very much her passing from our fellowship. However, we praise God for the life of this wonderful lady—a faithful evangelist.

Pat Quayle

Pat Quayle, formerly Sister Pat Free, is married to Captain Doug Quayle, C.A., Industrial Evangelist. They have a young daughter, Deanne, and live in Merrylands (Sydney).

**Photo taken at the 1982 Church Army Centenary celebrations in England. Captain John Mitchell is the last surviving member of the English Church Army team that pioneered Church Army work in 1932. Captain Mitchell, now living in England, is a keen supporter of the Church Army in Australia.*



So they rushed off
and found Mary and Joseph.
They saw the baby lying in the hay box.

When the shepherds saw Him,
they told the people
what the angel had said about the child.

Everyone was very surprised
at what the shepherds told them.

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COLOURING-IN COMPETITION

Colour in this nativity scene and you could win a copy of The Illustrated Children's Bible priced at $19.95. Competition open to all children aged between 5 and 10 years.
Closing date December 20, 1988. The prize will be sent to the winner before Christmas.

*Sunday School teachers and other group leaders please feel free to photocopy colouring-in picture for group participation.

ANOTHER MILESTONE

"Praise the Lord!", says Captain John Harding, C.A. Evangelist in charge at Claymore, an outer western suburb of Sydney, "the Claymore Anglican Church has passed another milestone. We held our first Confirmation on September 4th."

About 100 people attended the Confirmation Service held in the Claymore Primary School Hall. Nine parishioners, six teenagers and three adults were confirmed by Bishop Harry Goodhew.

Bishop Goodhew, said, "It was a very happy occasion, with the candidates well prepared! Captain Harding is doing a good job in his area."

Following the Service, a buffet tea was served by the Claymore Ladies Auxillary.

Bishop Harry Goodhew (far left and seated), Captain John Harding (far right, standing) with Claymore confirmees.

FROM THE OVERSEAS MAILBAG

It is gratifying that the great traditions of the Church Army live on, and I know from my visits around the world how much you contribute to the evangelistic life of our Communion.

May God continue to inspire your work and enable you to take the Good News of Christ and his compassionate love to the world.

From: The Most Rev. R. Runcie,
Archbishop of Canterbury.

In Australia I preached 135 times in eight different areas. I read recently in a newspaper (somewhere) that "preaching is in a state of decline, with the sermons being generally poor, irrelevant and unprepared". I wish these cynical journalists would come and hear someone like me.

I am very encouraged how God has and is blessing and using many preachers today of all denominations. We preachers take our stand in the pulpit (or wherever) not because we "have to say something", but because we have something to say!

God opened up many opportunities for us in Australia.

One conference was for ministers and evangelists, organised by Church Army. I found it stimulating and rejoiced at the opportunity to share ideas with people engaged in evangelism. Also encouraging for us was that much of our teaching was new and fresh. I suppose one has to constantly revise and make relevant the approach and presentation of what we do.

From: J. John
The English Evangelist.

Captain Brian Mattinson, Staff Officer with mailbag full of used stamps.

BY THE BAGFUL!

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Thank you.

NEWS

TO: TIM AND JENNY SCHEUER
Sarah Elizabeth—13.10.88. Tim Scheuer is a first-year student at the Church Army College of Evangelism, Belrose.

TO: CAPTAIN MICHAEL AND WENDY CALDER
David Reuben Torrey—13.10.88

Captain Brian Mattinson—Miss Nancy Dunk: Engaged to be married.

RESIGNATIONS
Captain Evan Cocker
Sister Carol Tokley
Captain Bruce Geeves

The Board Members, Officers and Staff Members of Church Army wish all our readers and supporters a very Happy and Blessed Christmas. May God continue to provide for us all in 1989. Thank you for your support and encouragement in our work and ministry throughout Australia.

WINDING UP! NOT DOWN

Captain Gilbert Page and Rev. Graeme MacRobb.

As Captain Gilbert Page, National Director and Rev. Graeme MacRobb, College Principal, near the end of their ministry with Church Army, they've both had people ask, "I suppose you're winding. down?"

Yet the opposite is true!

Both have been leading the lives of "Itinerant Evangelists", criss-crossing the continent in ministry.

October saw Captain Page in Tasmania visiting the Tasmanian Diocesan Offices in Hobart and encouraging Captain Tom Clark and his wife, Jane, who are ministering in Gagebrook.

Later in the month he was at the top end of Australia (well almost) teaching various aspects of ministry at the Diocesan Clergy School held in Townsville.

He also spent time in ministry and fellowship with Captain Michael and Mrs Alison Lazarus and family in the Heatley Parish, Townsville. A mini-holiday, together with his wife, Ruth, was a welcome respite to their hectic schedule. They spent a few days with Bishop Arthur and Coleen Malcolm at Yarrabah, the Malcolm's home parish. Bishop Malcolm reports that they (the Pages) did all the usual tourist things, went fishing, visited the Reef, etc., etc., all in too short a time!

Finally in October, with six Church Army students, Captain Page lead Missions at Woy Woy and Wamberal on the N.S.W. Central Coast.

November will find him in Outback N.S.W. visiting Captain Ken and Mrs Jenny Foley at Brewarrina, and Rev. John and Sister Wendy Capper at Collarenebri.

In between all this travel, has been the various Board and Sub-committee meetings in Sydney to do with the appointments of those to succeed him and Graeme MacRobb.

Rev. Graeme MacRobb, has had an equally busy time. Balancing his weekday ministry at the College (Belrose) with teaching weekends and parish consultancy work in a number of Diocese.

This included a "Working Together for Growth" weekend at Mordialloc (Melbourne Diocese), a "Church Growth and Mission" seminar at Biloela in the Rockhampton Diocese, followed by "Good News" weekends at Springsure and Gladstone, Queensland.

Back in Sydney he lead a teaching day with the Kensington Parish at their Parish Weekend Camp away in the Blue Mountains. Two lunch-time Bible Studies were also held with the A.M.P. Christian Fellowship. October ended with an Old Testament Teaching Weekend in the Parish of Heatley, Townsville.

November schedule includes teaching weekends at Yackandandah in the Wangaratta Diocese and Atherton in North Queensland.

Both Gilbert and Graeme will also be involved in final preparation of the commissioning of new officers in December (see page 15).

So on this high note we say Farewell to two of God's very busy servants, Captain Gilbert Page, C.A. and Rev. Graeme MacRobb. We wish them and their families well for the future. May God continue to bless them and use them mightily.

THE CHURCH ARMY IN AUSTRALIA

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Message FROM THE FEDERAL DIRECTOR

WHICH TENSE?

Most of us will remember certain events from our school days. Some memories may be of happy occasions, others might be of less pleasant times. Perhaps you recall a teacher's efforts to explain the difference between the tenses of a particular verb. The past, the present, the future. "It was, it is, it will be". A child often finds it difficult to grasp how the passing of time always does, and indeed must, change things. For some adults the whole matter of change seems threatening, and makes them feel rather tense.

You may have met people who are always looking backwards to the past and the "Good Old Days"—as if all was perfect then. All would be well if only everything would revert to how it used to be! Again, some people—even committed Christians—seem to live as if the future is the only thing that really matters. One day things will be different, and all will be sorted out. Until that time comes all we can do is wait, and hope! There again, there are many who appear to behave as if the present moment is all there is. No awareness of lessons learned from history, no concern or commitment to any future. The "Eat, drink and be merry" brigade!

The Church Army may be justly proud of the evangelistic ministry it has been enabled to carry out in Australia for well over 50 years. Praise God for our pioneers of yesterday. By faith we believe the Lord will continue to use the Society to help men and women experience the love of Jesus in their own lives during future days: Because of this, our officers can relax and get on with their work today, knowing the God of time and space has all things securely in His hands. He is in control.

Our Society is going through a number of changes just now, but we are not at all tense about this. Rather, we look forward confidently to the prospect of new growth, different skills, another forward thrust for the Kingdom of God. Please pray for those to be appointed to positions of leadership in Church Army, for we believe even greater things are just around the corner.

Tense? No! Excited? Yes!

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YOGHURT OR SPINACH?

Rev. David Reay

Why is it that many things you enjoy eating are bad for you?

Health experts tell us to eat raw carrots, spinach, or yogurt. We never hear them extolling the virtues of chocolate thick shakes, bacon burgers, or jelly beans.

Maybe there is a conspiracy at work. If you like it, it must be bad for you. You can have your cake and eat it too, but part of the bargain is high cholestorol, or even an early grave.

Some day, one bright "expert" will make a million by proving beyond doubt that a diet of popcorn and icecream is the passport to good health.

But don't hold your breath. If it tingles your taste buds. you can bet your life it also clogs your arteries.

It's like some people's idea of sin. if you enjoy something it must be sinful. As though God were a cosmic wet blanket intent on smothering enjoyment in His creation.

But Jesus, who shows us what God is like, was no wet blanket. However He did warn us that doing things God's way is the key to satisfying life.

The enjoyment of a relationship with Jesus Christ is the key to every other enjoyment.

Rev. David Reay,
Rector of St Stephens, Belrose,
Chaplain, Church Army College of Evangelism.

PRIMATE AT CHURCH ARMY COMMISSIONING

On Thursday 8th December three new Church Army Officers will be commissioned to work with the Church Army and admitted to the Office of Evangelist in the Church of God.

The Commissioning Service will be held this year at St. John's Darlinghurst where Church Army Officer, the Rev. John McKnight is Rector.

Those being commissioned are John Stanley, Andrew Mallas and Peter Hewitt.

At the same service we will be sending forth two New Zealanders, Charles Hume and Wendy Tyrell, who have also completed the two year Diploma in Evangelism course at Belrose.

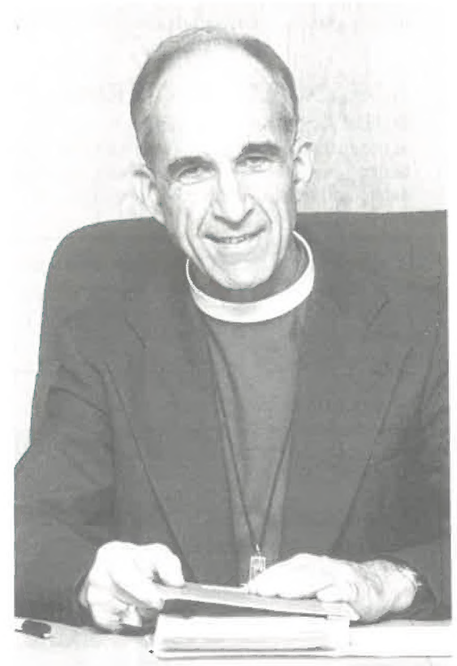
All have also been involved in a wide range of missions and other special ministry projects throughout their training.

Archbishop John Grinrod, who is both Primate and President of the Church Army in Australia, has kindly agreed to admit to the office of evangelist those presented to him.

Following the service there will be a short farewell to both Captain Gilbert Page and the Rev. Graeme MacRobb in the Parish Hall.

A very warm welcome awaits you and friends from your church if you are able to join us for this special evening.

St. John's, Darlinghurst is in Darlinghurst Road, three minutes walk from Kings Cross Railway Station. There is usually ample street parking for cars.



Most Rev. John Grinrod, Anglican Archbishop of Australia.

STOP PRESS

NEW PRINCIPAL FOR CHURCH ARMY COLLEGE

Rev. John Capper, Rector of the Parish of Collarenebri has accepted the offer of the appointment as Principal of the Church Army College of Evangelism, Belrose.

He will take up the appointment early in 1989.